

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Steven C. Fortriede, Associate Director of the Allen County Public Library, for his 40 years of distinguished service to the library system and to offer congratulations on his retirement.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Steven C. Fortriede, Associate Director of the Allen County Public Library, for his forty years of distinguished service to the library system and to offer congratulations on his retirement.

Whereas, Mr. Steven C. Fortriede devoted more than forty years to the service of the Allen County Library System, and has earned a reputation as an original thinker and innovator. Mr. Fortriede was instrumental in the establishment of the library's public and government access television stations in the early days of cable television in Fort Wayne. Because of his vision, Fort Wayne has been a model for the entire country in how to provide citizens access to television communication;

Whereas, Mr. Fortriede was one of the founders of the Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service, which provides news, information, and entertainment to individuals with visual impairments or other disabilities that prevent them from reading printed material;

Whereas, For much of his career, Mr. Fortriede has been indispensable in helping the Allen County Public Library to attain its status as one of the country's most heavily used public

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libraries. Mr. Fortriede, among many other projects, has been a strong advocate for the continued growth and development of the library's world renowned Genealogy Center;

Whereas, Mr. Fortriede was chief architect of the highly complex move to and from temporary facilities during the renovation and expansion of the Allen County Library System. Mr. Fortriede's leadership and expertise was also invaluable in numerous other library moves, especially when the University of Saint Francis merged their health sciences and main libraries into the newly-built Lee and Jim Vann Library;

Whereas, Mr. Fortriede was honored by the Alliance for Community Media with the Buske Leadership Award in 1998 and the Director's Choice Award in 2002. These awards recognized Mr. Fortriede for his commitment and leadership to advance the mission and goals of the Alliance for Community Media; and

Whereas, The Indiana Senate congratulates Mr. Fortriede for his many years of service to the residents of Indiana and wishes him success as he endeavors to explore this new chapter in his life; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1: That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
2 recognizes the outstanding career and the many community
3 contributions of Steven C. Fortriede and honors him upon his
4 retirement.

5 SECTION 2: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Steven C. Fortriede, Jeffrey R.
7 Krull, Director of the Allen County Public Library, Curt B. Witcher,
8 Manager of the Genealogy Center, and Sister M. Elise Kriss, President
9 of the University of Saint Francis.

